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TOPIC Information on the 2d Infantry Regiment of KVP Division Schwerin in Rostock

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REMARKS

This is UNEVALUATED Information

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1. The 2d Inf Regt of KVP Division Schwerin, which was also referred to as 2d Mtz A-Kommando, was stationed at the former Kavallerie Kaserne on Kopernikus Strasse in Rostock. It was subordinate to the KVPB on Werder Strasse in Schwerin. This Bereitschaft included the 1st Mtz A-Kommando at Sternbuchholz, the 2d Mtz A-Kommando at Rostock and the 3d Mtz A-Kommando at Prora on Ruegen Island. During the reported period, the commanding officer of the KVPB Schwerin, which was subordinated to TV Nord in Basewalk, was Colonel Bleck.
2. The 2d Mtz A-Kommando was organized as follows:

	Officers	NCOs	EM
Headquarters	30	12	8
Motor transport company	4	12	40
Motor vehicle repair shop		16	10
Medical company	5	5	12
School	4	8	40
Headquarters platoon	1	4	12
Supply platoon	5	6	25
S-1 Company	3	5	30
D-1 Company	3	7	25
D-2 Company	3	6	30
S-4 Company	3	6	30
S-6 Company	3	6	30
S-7 Company	4	8	30
1st through 3d Bn each	30	60	200

The strength of the S-5 Company could not be determined. 2

3. Officers assigned to the unit included:  
Lieutenant Colonel Wildner , CO;  
Captain Schirmer , deputy CO and PA officer;  
Captain Max , chief of staff;  
Major Wicke , deputy CO in charge of supply;  
Captain Gerlech , deputy CO and ordnance officer;  
Captain Root , CO, 3d Bn.

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## 4. Motor vehicles assigned to the unit included:

5 model SU-76 self-propelled mounts; 5 model M-2 armored personnel carriers;  
 1 model G-5 tank truck with trailer, capacity 8,500 liters;  
 1 model ZIS-150 tank truck with trailer, capacity 6,500 liters;  
 1 model ZIS-150 repair shop trucks; 1 model BMW F-1 command car;  
 7 BMW and BMW sedans  
 1 model Granit-27 Phaenomen ambulance;  
 50 model H-3-a trucks  
 12 BMW motorcycles with a piston displacement of 350 cubic cm;  
 1 model AWO sidecar motorcycle with a piston displacement of 250 cubic cm;  
 5 3-ton trailers;  
 2 mobile model LOWA delousing stations;  
 2 model TS-8 fire truck trailers. Of these motor vehicles only the self-propelled mounts, about 10 model H-3-A trucks and 4 model BMW sedans were in use. All the other vehicles were moth-balled. In late October 1953, the armored personnel carriers mentioned arrived from an undetermined KVP agency in Oranienburg. They have not yet been assigned to any specific unit. 3

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5. About 10 percent each of the personnel belonged to the 1936 and 1935 classes, 40 percent to the 1934 class and 20 percent each to the 1933 class and to older classes. About 85 percent had served up to 3 years and 15 percent from 3 to 5 years. About 10 percent each of the personnel came from Saxony-Anhalt and Saxony, 5 percent from Thuringia, 60 percent from Mecklenburg and 15 percent from Brandenburg. About 30 percent were followers of the SED regime, 10 percent were indifferent, 50 percent were secret opponents of the regime, while 10 percent showed their discontent openly. A Soviet lieutenant colonel who wore a KVP uniform was attached to the Kommando.
6. The barracks installation which quartered the 2d Mts A-Kommando was scheduled to house elements of the former division repair shop unit from Prora. This repair shop was expected to arrive in late November 1953. Elements of the repair shop unit in Schwerin were also scheduled to move to Rostock.

1. Comment. These data agree with other information

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2. Comment. The strength figures mentioned add up to a total strength of about 1,400 men which would represent about 63 percent of the war time strength of a Soviet motorized rifle regiment.

3. Comment. These armored personnel carriers were delivered from the USSR to a distribution point in Oranienburg from where they were distributed among KVP units.

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